

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013
5:00 P.M

Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Croasmun, DuGuid, Simmons, Stitt, Wood

Advisory Member: Lt. Mull

Executive Secretary: Patti Austin

Department of Public Service: Rick Tilton

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Keeran, Moorhead, Lewis

Division of Planning and Operations Staff:

Division of Design and Construction: Stewart

Guests: Chris Pack, Scott Mackey, Geoff Schmidt, Brent Beatty, Tim Dick, Tim Bibler, Tony Duong, Paul, Carlson, Ethan Ortman

CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 p.m.

MINUTES

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve June 11, 2013 minutes.

Motion to approve – Wood

Second – Croasmun

Motion carries

ACTION ITEMS

Permit Parking Kossuth Street

As a result of the June 11, 2013 T&PC meeting the Commission had tabled acting on the permit parking request for Kossuth Street in German Village. The Commission tabled the case at its July meeting and requested residents and businesses to work together to come to a compromise.

Keith Keeran reviewed the petition that was received on March 8, 2013. The requested restriction is for 2 hour parking from 10am to 4pm and no parking from 4pm to 2am except for city permit holders. The block faces involved are Kossuth (both sides) from Mohawk Street to Fifth. All signatures were verified and the required criteria was met.

Public Comments

In attendance at the meeting were representatives from both residents and businesses. Each speaker had concerns to the proposed recommendation to add permit parking on Kossuth. The following speakers gave their opinions and concerns: Chris Pack, Scott Mackey, Geoff Schmidt, Brent Beatty, Tim Dick, Tim Bibler, Tony Duong, Paul, Carlson, Ethan Ortman.

Following testimony from City staff and, representatives from businesses and residents in German Village, a vote was taken to approve parking permit on Kossuth Street.

Motion to approve staff recommendations for parking permit on Kossuth Street.

Second – Stitt

Motion does not carry; therefore the permit parking request is recommended for denial.

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Daniel Moorhead gave an update as follows on issues discussed at the June 26, 2013 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

Share the Road Campaign Update- Daniel provided detailed information from the launch of the Share the Road Campaign. The event focused on bicycle safety and was held at the Westside Health Center on June 17th. Following the event there was a 3 mile bike ride to city hall lead by Mayor Coleman. The campaign is in full motion.

Downtown High Street Sharrows –Daniel stated that High Street will be resurfaced this year in the downtown area. As a result of the unique situation on High Street to accommodate bicycles a working group was formed, which includes the biking community and COTA. As a result of discussions it was decided that that sharrows will be placed in the left lane in both directions in downtown.

Maintenance of Bicycle Repair Stations – Daniel shared that 18 repair stations in conjunction with bike shelters have been installed. These repair stations include a place to hang a bike, tools to work on a bike and an air pump. There have been minimal issues with the repair stations; however, a 311 service type has been created so individuals can report issues with the stations. As a result, these issues will be assigned to city crews to respond.

NEW BUSINESS

Franklinton Gateway Features on Town and Rich Streets

Terry Stewart provided an update on the Rich and Town Street two-way conversion which should be completed by the end of the year. Enhancements to be added in 2014 include; adding trees, landscaping, changing the style of lights, adding ADA ramps and the artwork that will be added to the Gateways. Terry presented by PowerPoint presentation the design and the inspiration of the artwork that will be placed at the Gateways.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on Residential District Permit Parking Rules and Regulations

The commission tabled the consideration of possible permit changes in Italian Village in May for 90 days. Randy Bowman provided an update to the commission. The working group that was formed has had 2 meetings. There is a total of 11 voting members in the group. The group has had two unanimous voted recommendations thus far. The first vote recommended the city remove peak hour parking restrictions on Fourth and Summit. The second unanimous vote of the working group was a request to city council to entertain a moratorium on creating or expanding parking districts in the Short North area. This working group has been meeting on a bi-weekly basis.

Motion to adjourn – Wood

Second – Croasmun

Motion Carries

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O’Harra
Recording Secretary

Steve Simmons
Chairperson

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET